

EPA ID: PRSFN0204248 Site Name: RECOVERY & RECYCLING CO MERCEDITA AIRPORT State ID:  
 Alias Site Names: SITE  
 City: PONCE County or Parish: CALZADA WARD State: PR  
 Refer to Report Dated: 03/01/2001 Report Type: SITE INSPECTION 001  
 Report Developed by: START

**DECISION:**

- ☐ 1. Further Remedial Site Assessment under CERCLA (Superfund) is not required because:
- ☐ 1a. Site does not qualify for further remedial site assessment under CERCLA (No Further Remedial Action Planned - NFRAP)
- ☐ 1b. Site may qualify for action, but is deferred to:
- ☒ 2. Further Assessment Needed Under CERCLA:
- 2a. Priority: ☒ Higher ☐ Lower
- 2b. Other: (recommended action) High

**DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:**

The site is a 1.3 acre, active scrap metal and automobile battery reclamation facility. There are scattered scrap metal, scrap metal piles, and automobile battery piles. The site slopes toward Rio Inabon and an on-site wetland. The site has been in operation 10 to 12 years.

On May 16, 2000, EPA contractors conducted a sampling event at the facility for HRS evaluation purposes. Analytical results indicated the presence of contaminated soils with SVOC, PCBs, and metals.

GW - A release of contaminants to gw is not observed or suspected. GW in the Ponce area flows south, toward the Caribbean Sea. The nearest drinking water well is 1.7 miles southwest.

SW - A release to sw has been documented. Sediment samples contained SVOC found also in the on-site soil samples. Rio Inabon is a designated fishery, also several wetlands are encountered 15 miles within the point of surface entry. There is also one (1) federally endangered species and two (2) state endangered species within the 15 miles range.

SE - On-site soil contamination of SVOC, PCB, and metals was detected. There are no residences, schools, or daycare facilities on or within 200 ft of observed contamination.

SA - A release of hazardous substances to air is not observed or suspected.

Site Decision Made by: JUAN DAVILA

Signature: Juan E. Davila

Date: 05/30/2001

